

HOWARD COUNTY ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
January 20, 2016
Howard County Health Department, Barton A and B

IN ATTENDANCE: Joan Webb Scornaienchi, Darrell Horney, Roe Rodgers-Bonaccorsy, Robert Ehrhardt, Meghan Skaggs, Linda Zumbrun, Jennifer Facticeau, Carol Robinson, Bruce McDonald, Jack Kavanagh, Kassy Hargadon-Zester, Chinwe Adetula, Rick Bergin, Sgt. Jim Capone, Neil Gwinn, Chris Robinson, Donna Wells, Barbara Allen, Tom Allen

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS: The meeting was called to order at 5:15 P.M. Joan welcomed the board and guests and everyone introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The January 20, 2016 Agenda was approved with the addition of the Health Department Update including 1) the Strategic Plan Update and 2) adding the word "Overdose" to #2 to read Overdose Response Program Training Update.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The November 18, 2015 Minutes were approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Joan, Mr. Kavanagh, and Roe are a part of a workgroup to research the Medicaid reimbursement/accreditation issue. The workgroup had a conference call with Carl DeLorenzo from the County Executive's Office. The workgroup provided Carl with data on the subject. Carl agreed to draft a letter to the County Executive describing the issues and proposing recommendations. We are awaiting a draft of the letter to review.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Provided by Roe

The next Overdose Response Program trainings are scheduled for Monday, February 22, 2016 and March 21, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. at the Health Department.

Jurisdictions across Maryland received grant award letters from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) reducing general treatment budgets to move ambulatory outpatient substance use disorder grant funds to the administrative service agency, Beacon Health Options (formerly known as ValueOptions). This will allow providers to receive reimbursement for services for the uninsured through Beacon Health Options. The effective date is July 1, 2016 (FY17). This raises concern regarding the ability to sustain adequate access to care since few providers in Howard County are registered providers with Beacon Health Options.

COMAR 10.63.01 Community Behavioral Health Programs is still pending. Many comments were received from the public which has delayed the effective date which was to be 1/1/16.

Roe and Donna are co-leading a CARF Accreditation Workgroup to support providers working toward applying for CARF accreditation. A workgroup was established to facilitate information sharing including policies and procedures and required trainings for accreditation. The workgroup meets every other Friday morning at the Health Department.

The Health Department is continuing to work with the Detention Center referring inmates for Vivitrol injections prior to release from incarceration. The Health Department provides outpatient treatment and additional Vivitrol injections following release.

Roe shared a flyer on the Stand Up Rally on February 25, 2016 at Lawyers Mall in Annapolis.

The Strategic Plan Update was submitted to the Behavioral Health Administration by the January due date.

HC DRUGFREE PREVENTION/EDUCATION/OPIOID UPDATE: Provided by Joan

In the student board member's absence, Joan provided the HC DrugFree Teen Advisory Council (TAC) update. At the January TAC meeting, teens created two videos to promote two upcoming events at the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) -- national Drugs and Alcohol Chat Day and Facts Week. Joan submitted both videos to NIDA.

For the second consecutive year, HC DrugFree is promoting a county-wide access code for teens to submit questions during NIDA's national Drugs & Alcohol Chat Day. Chat Day will be held on Tues., Jan 26 from 8 AM to 6 PM. Prior to 2015, Howard County had no teens submit questions. In 2015, once HC DrugFree promoted the code, we had 869 questions submitted between 8 and 6 on the event day. All 12 public high schools were called by HC DrugFree staff last week and Wilde Lake High School is working with us again this year to make their computer lab and IT staff available to their students.

Please let Joan know if you know any teens or teens interested in entering the HC DrugFree Category in the 2016 HoCo FilmFest. HC DrugFree's film topic focuses on prescription pain medication and opioid misuse. Entry deadline is in March and the HoCo FilmFest is in April.

HC DrugFree has two Tobacco Retailer Trainings scheduled for the second week of February. The Howard County Chamber of Commerce and other groups are advertising the trainings and HC DrugFree contacted every tobacco retailer at least once. Some may be contacted four or more times by mail, phone or email as well as in person. Joan is not optimistic that the participation numbers will be high because the training is not mandatory.

Pharmacies are requesting more *In the KNOW* tear-off sheets with the addresses of the medication disposal boxes in Howard County. Joan is seeing the *In the KNOW* opioid educational campaign materials at doctor's/dentist's offices. HC DrugFree's staff is planning to return to pharmacies to gather data for the State reporting Joan submits on behalf of the Health Department.

On December 4, Joan and Sgt. Capone from the Howard County Police Department Narcotics Unit spoke to members of Leadership Howard County (LHC) as part of LHC's "*This Just In*" educational series. The topic was *The New Face of Heroin Addiction*. Sgt. Capone added that the topic was well received by the participants.

HC DrugFree signed a Memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Korean Society of MD (KSM) to provide drug/alcohol information that the KSM will translate, and if HC DrugFree can, they will try to

print/promote the materials in a variety of ways including through the KSM. Joan was told that by far, most KSM members are Howard County residents.

Joan reported that HC DrugFree completed the first prescriber interview to gather data from prescription writers (doctors, dentists, etc.) for the Opioid Grant. The information will help us determine how best to get information to prescribers and hear what they might want or how we all can work together to address the amount of opioids in the community.

NEW BUSINESS:

None reported.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None reported.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 P.M.